

December 17, 2008

Premier Danny Williams  
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
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Dear Premier Williams:

I am writing to commend you for your bold action in dealing with the planned closure of the pulp and paper mill in Grand Falls-Windsor.

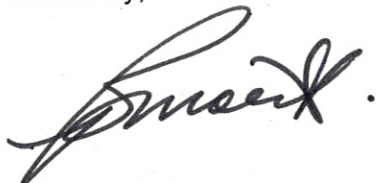
I congratulate you on taking this decisive action on behalf of the hard working women and men of Central Newfoundland and Labrador, and, in particular the 750 members of CEP who would be directly affected by this closure.

You have made a statement that we hope will resonate with leaders and citizens across the country. Canadians are simply no longer willing to be pushed around by multinational corporations whose primary objective appears to be the exploitation of our natural resources, no matter what the cost to workers, their communities and the environment.

By introducing legislation to take back the water and forestry rights of AbitibiBowater, you have put this company on notice that Newfoundlanders and Labradorians expect them to honour their historic commitments to their province. If they cannot do that, then they have no right to assets that rightfully belong to the people of the province.

We trust your actions will give this company a chance to reflect on its decision to close the mill in March 2009.

Sincerely,



PAUL MOIST  
National President

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